STATE OF MAINE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Docket No. 2004-415

September 15, 2004

BREWER WATER DEPARTMENT Proposed Rate Change Pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. Section 6104 15% Increase in Revenues PROCEDURAL ORDER

I. BACKGROUND

On August 3, 2004, the Brewer Water Department (Brewer) submitted its filing in support of a rate increase pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 6104. On August 13, the Commission received a petition signed by over 15% of Brewer's ratepayers requesting the Commission suspend and investigate the proposed rate increase. Brewer did not challenge the validity of the petition. Therefore, the Commission suspended the tariffs and began an investigation.

II. INTERVENTION

The Public Advocate's Petition to Intervene is hereby granted. We also grant intervention status to Larry Ayotte, as lead petitioner.

III. CONFERENCE OF PARTIES

A conference will be held on September 29, 2004 at the Public Utilities Commission, 242 State Street, Augusta, Maine at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of the Conference is to discuss the schedule for processing this case as well as what additional information should be filed by the District. Parties who wish to participate by telephone may do so by calling the Commission's telebridge at 620-584-8200 PIN 173464.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 15th day of September, 2004.

BY ORDER OF THE HEARING EXAMINER

Joanne B. Steneck